A wide variety of foods is available at the state store which is open day and night. This is where Mrs. Gergely does her shopping.

which have taken the place* of the old, dim gas lamps. In the past a miserable grocer eking out a dreary existence in a dark basement shop and a smoke-filled pub represented commercial life in the street; today brand-new stores with brilliant show-windows line the street, and the housewives can do all their shopping within a range of two hundred yards. The new district clinic of the social security institute under the management of the trade unions was recently opened in the next street, and the entire next block is taken up by the new school. There are two movies just around the corner, and the nearest theater is not more than ten minutes from there. The district inhabited by the Gergely family and twenty to thirty thousand other Hungarian families is no longer one of which the capital need be ashamed but has become one of its flourishing, lively, healthy quarters.

And, to come back to the Gergely family, if they should

*[i.e. in District XIII, Budapest — Analyst]